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1. Despite the official pronouncements of solidarity among the satellite states, it is reported that the relations between Hungary and Czechoslovakia could be described as something less than good. There have always been more or less strained relations between the two countries, that continue to the present day. The population of Hungary is described as 75% pro-West. No régime is more hated by its people, excepting of course the Communists and the Moscow-installed ruling clique. In view of present conditions, however, there is no reason to believe that a change in the political orientation is imminent. The traditional Hungarian chauvinism is as apparent as ever, but is directed primarily against Czechoslovakia rather than Yugoslavia. Even in the government, evidences of an unfriendly attitude toward Czechoslovakia are noticeable, which are rendered harmless only by the influence of the Kremlin.
2. Despite the helplessness of the Hungarian government in foreign affairs, it never misses an opportunity to snipe at Czechoslovakia. An example of this is the recently concluded trade treaty between Hungary and Czechoslovakia, according to which Hungary was to exchange grain for Czechoslovakian drilling aggregates, electrical equipment, textiles, and military equipment. While Czechoslovakia had nearly fulfilled its part of the agreement, Hungary had not delivered a single ton of grain. Czechoslovakian notes demanding Hungarian fulfillment of its obligations have been answered with the assertion that the present Hungarian supply situation does not permit the Czechoslovakian requests to be met. As is the case in Poland, the Hungarians are highly critical of the raw materials priority accorded Czechoslovakia among the satellite states by the eastern economic commission (Comecon).

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